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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 12-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 10 and 11 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 03 November 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Detailed Action

Claims Objections

Claims 3, 6-12 and 14 are objected to because of the following informalities:

- (1) In claim 3, line 3, "width" should read --the width--.
- (2) In claim 6, line 2, "back and side" should read --the back and sides--.
- (3) In claim 7, line 2, "front" should read --the front--.
- (4) In claim 10, line 4, "back side" should read --the back side--.
- (5) In claim 10, line 5, "curvature on front side" should read --the curvature on the front side--.
- (6) In claim 12, line 3, "an upper end portion" should read --the upper end portion--.
- (7) In claim 14, line 2, "front" should read --the front--.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
2. Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 12, line 3, "a front part and a back part" is vague and indefinite. It is not clear what "a front part and a back part" refers to? A front part of what and a back part of what?

Claims Rejections - 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-5 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Micinilio (U.S. Design Patent No. 441,912).

Claims Rejection - 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 6-8 and 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Micinilio (U.S. Design Patent No. 441,912) in view of Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-095878).

Micinilio's shaver shows all the claimed structure except it lacks an anti-slip portion provided on a side of the main body of the shaver.

Japanese '878 shows a shaver comprising anti-slip portions (2) formed of an elastic material (see the Abstract) provided on sides (see Figs.1-2) of the main body (1) of a shaver.

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to modify Micinilio by providing the sides of the shaver main body with elastic anti-slip portions to facilitate a firm grip of the shaver during shaving as taught by the Japanese '878 reference.

3. Claims 9 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Micinilio (U.S. Design Patent No. 441,912) and Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-095878), as in claims 6 and 13, and further in view of Van Asten et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,386,631).

Micinilio's shaver as modified shows all the claimed structure except it lacks a trimmer provided on the back of the shaver and a trimmer operation portion slidable up and down to operate the trimmer.

Van Asten et al. teach it is desirable to provide a shaver (1) with a trimmer (8) on the back of the shaver main body (2) and a trimmer operation portion (59) slidable up and down for operating the trimmer (8).

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to further modify Micinilio by providing the back of the shaver main body with a trimmer and a trimmer operation

portion slidable up and down to operate the trimmer for adding an additional function to the shaver as taught by Van Asten et al.

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 10 and 11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and to overcome the objection as set forth.

Point of Contact

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hwei-Siu C. Payer whose telephone number is 571-272-4511. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Boyer Ashley can be reached on 571-272-4502. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 571-273-8300 for official communications and 571-273-4511 for proposed amendments.

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August 1, 2006



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